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SUBJECT:HEIGHTENED SECURITY IN AZORES

1. "SEMPREFIXE" STORY ON INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN ADJACENT ISLANDS REPRODUCED IN FULL IN APRIL 20 PONTA DELGADA DAILY "ACORES". "ACORES" ALSORE PORTS AZORES MILITARY COMMAND STATEMENT THAT "FIXE" STORY ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF REASONS BEHIND PRECAUTIONS, IN EFFECT, DESIRE TO PRESERVE CIVIL ORDER IN IMMEDIATE PREELECTION PERIOD AND NOT RPT NOT FEAR OF REACTIONARY COUP ATTEMPT.

2. IN POINT OF FACT, HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN HERE MINIMAL. BEGINNING THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AIRPORTS THROUGHOUT ARCHIPELAGORE INFORCED WITH SMALL SQUADS ARMED SOLDIERS. IN PONTA DELGADA JEEPS WITH SMALL GROUPS ARMED SOLDIERS PATROLLED STREETS THROUGHOUT WEEKEND. ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT INDICATE SHORT AIRPORT BLOCKED BY MILITARY VEHICLES ON SATURDAY. IT APPEARS THAT MOST THESE PRECAUTIONS NOW BEING DOWNGRADED. AS OF NOON TODAY ONLY ONE SOLDIER IN EVIDENCE AT PONTA DELGADA AIRPORT; JEEP PATROLS HAVE BEEN HALTED. PARRIS

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